

Using ADR To Resolve Discrimination Complaints

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When Could ADR Be Offered?

- At earliest juncture
- Prior to a full agency investigation
- The employee and the licensee should be notified of the availability of ADR at outset
- For as many cases as possible
- Other opportunities for ADR later in the process



Why Use ADR?

- Informal and more direct
- Less adversarial and avoids defensiveness, polarization, and mis-communication
- Promotes reconciliation, does not force a finding of right and wrong
- Leads to more timely and more effective resolutions and action



Why Use ADR? (Continued)

- Voluntary
 - Parties who choose to participate are displaying an interest in reaching an agreement
 - Parties have more control
 - Promotes a greater understanding of the issues
 - Serves the interests of all parties



Why Use ADR? (Continued)

- Positive impact on the Safety Conscious Work Environment
 - Rapid resolution of differences
 - Rapid reconciliation and actions
 - Workforce less distracted
 - Reduce long-lived notoriety



Why Use ADR? (Continued)

 Employee and the licensee can avoid large financial, emotional, and resource outlays of litigation or the regulatory processes

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